

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 23, and ending on page 22, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:*

Fig. 4 (a) to [(h)] (c) are variant examples of the first embodiment described above. Fig. 4 (a) is a form in which capillary force of the ink occlusion body is increased toward a pen tip side, for example, a structure in which a space between the fiber bundles constituting the ink occlusion body 20 is narrower toward the pen tip side, that is, the ink occlusion body is constituted of a coarse part 20a and a fine part 20b.